

The amendment is as follows:

At the end, add the following:

This Act shall become effective 5 days after enactment.

Mr. REID. I ask for the yeas and nays on that motion.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

AMENDMENT NO. 3094

Mr. REID. I have an amendment to the instructions at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] proposes an amendment numbered 3094 to the instructions of the motion to commit to H.R. 3474.

The amendment is as follows:

In the amendment, strike "5 days" and insert "6 days".

Mr. REID. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

AMENDMENT NO. 3095 TO AMENDMENT NO. 3094

Mr. REID. I have a second-degree amendment at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] proposes an amendment numbered 3095 to amendment No. 3094.

The amendment is as follows:

In the amendment, strike "6" and insert "7".

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. REID. I have a cloture motion for the substitute amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the clerk will report the cloture motion.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, hereby move to bring to a close debate on the substitute amendment No. 3060 to H.R. 3474, an act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of the employer mandate under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

Harry Reid, Ron Wyden, Angus S. King, Jr., Richard J. Durbin, Robert Menendez, Mark R. Warner, Benjamin L. Cardin, Robert P. Casey, Jr., Christopher A. Coons, Bill Nelson, Michael F. Bennet, Heidi Heitkamp, Barbara Boxer, Debbie Stabenow, Maria Cantwell, Charles E. Schumer, Thomas R. Carper.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. REID. I now have a cloture motion to the bill, which is also at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented

under rule XXII, the clerk will report the cloture motion.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, hereby move to bring to a close debate on H.R. 3474, an act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of the employer mandate under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

Harry Reid, Ron Wyden, Angus S. King, Jr., Richard J. Durbin, Robert Menendez, Mark R. Warner, Benjamin L. Cardin, Robert P. Casey, Jr., Christopher A. Coons, Bill Nelson, Michael F. Bennet, Heidi Heitkamp, Barbara Boxer, Debbie Stabenow, Maria Cantwell, Charles E. Schumer, Thomas R. Carper.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum under rule XXII be waived with respect to both cloture motions.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

JUSTICE AND MENTAL HEALTH COLLABORATION ACT OF 2013—MOTION TO PROCEED

Mr. REID. I now move to proceed to Calendar No. 92, S. 162.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the motion.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

Motion to proceed to Calendar No. 92, S. 162, a bill to reauthorize and improve the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act of 2004.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NOMINATION OF STANLEY FISCHER TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Mr. REID. I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 768.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Stanley Fischer, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for the unexpired term of fourteen years from February 1, 2006.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. REID. I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the clerk will report the motion.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, hereby move

to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Stanley Fischer, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

Harry Reid, Tim Johnson, Thomas R. Carper, Richard J. Durbin, Tom Udall, Angus S. King, Jr., Mark Begich, Elizabeth Warren, Martin Heinrich, Patty Murray, Tom Harkin, Robert Menendez, Patrick J. Leahy, Benjamin L. Cardin, Charles E. Schumer, Heidi Heitkamp, Mark R. Warner.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum under rule XXII be waived.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. REID. I now move to proceed to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

JUSTICE AND MENTAL HEALTH COLLABORATION ACT OF 2013—MOTION TO PROCEED—Continued

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Oregon.

EXPIRE ACT

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I wanted to take a couple of minutes now to underscore the importance of the Senate passing the EXPIRE Act now, and in particular to highlight what the cost of inaction would be if the Senate fails to act.

This legislation is critically needed because it is an essential tool to prevent a tax increase and particularly the kind of tax increase that will harm our ability to create more good-paying jobs—high-skilled, high-wage jobs. These are the jobs tied to innovation.

Without this legislation, for example, what we would have is a new tax on innovation because we wouldn't renew for a period of 2 years, as we work on tax reform, the research and development tax credit. This credit is absolutely essential because it is what is used by the employers who are coming up with innovative approaches to create more long-term employment for our country. This credit is used to help pay the wages for those kinds of innovation-oriented jobs. Without this legislation, we would have in this country a tax on innovation. I don't think that is where this country wants to go.

It will be harder without this legislation to have employers hire veterans—veterans who are now coming out in throngs to job fairs in cities across the country. Employers will find it even harder to assist them in terms of finding employment.

Without this legislation, when an underwater homeowner gets hold of a life raft that keeps them in their homes when their lender works with them to try to work out an arrangement to reduce their obligation, reduce their debt, that underwater homeowner would be taxed on phantom income. So right when that underwater homeowner is trying to get their head above